

# Blind source separation of (non-Gaussian) graph signals

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# Motivation

- There are blind source separation (BSS) methods for non-Gaussian data, time series, matrix- and tensor-valued data, functional data, etc.
- Here we focus on signals on graphs. BSS on graphs has got only a little attention so far. We propose
  - modifications to the one graph BSS method which has been introduced
  - new method which uses non-Gaussianity and dependencies in the data which are given by graphs.

# Outline

1. Blind source separation
2. Graph signals
3. BSS of graph signals
4. Graph JADE
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# Blind source separation model

We consider real-valued and linear BSS model for the graph data

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{\Omega}\mathbf{Z},$$

where

- $\mathbf{X}$  is the  $P \times N$  data matrix,
- $\mathbf{\Omega}$  is a full rank unknown  $P \times P$  mixing matrix,
- $\mathbf{Z}$  is a  $P \times N$  matrix of latent independent components, which have zero means and unit variances.

- The aim is to estimate  $\mathbf{\Gamma} = \mathbf{\Omega}^{-1}$  using only  $\mathbf{X}$ .

1. Whitening:

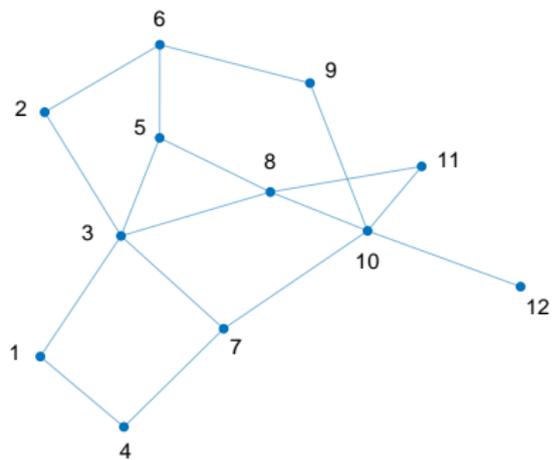
$$\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \hat{\mathbf{S}}_0(\mathbf{X})^{-1/2}(\mathbf{X} - \bar{\mathbf{X}})$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{S}}_0$  is the sample covariance matrix.

2. Choose how to measure the independence.
3. Find such orthogonal matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{U}}$  that  $\hat{\mathbf{U}}\tilde{\mathbf{X}}$  has maximally independent components with respect to the measure.
4. The unmixing matrix estimate is  $\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}} = \hat{\mathbf{U}}\mathbf{S}_0^{-1/2}$ .

- Sources can be separated with different strategies:
  - Use marginal distributions of the components. Make them as non-Gaussian as possible.
  - Use correlations of the data points. Time series, matrix, tensor or graph data.
- Here we combine methods which use non-Gaussianity and graphs.

## 2. Graph signals



Undirected graph with  $N = 12$  nodes can be presented by  $N \times N$  adjacency matrix **A**.



# Graph moving average (GMA) model

- GMA signal model of order  $m$ ,  $\text{GMA}(m)$ , is given by

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} + \sum_{l=1}^m \theta_l \mathbf{A}^l \mathbf{y}$$

where  $\mathbf{y} \triangleq [y_1, \dots, y_n]^T$  with  $y_1, \dots, y_n \sim N(0, \sigma_y^2)$  and mutually independent, and  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_m$  are the MA coefficients.

- In  $\text{GMA}(1)$  model the  $i$ th node is given by

$$z_i = y_i + \theta \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_i} a_{ij} y_j,$$

where  $\mathcal{N}_i$  denotes the incoming neighbors of node  $i$ . Thus, if  $\theta \neq 0$ ,  $z_i$  and  $z_j$  are correlated if  $i$ th and  $j$ th nodes are neighbors, or if they have common incoming neighbors.

### 3. BSS of graph signals

# Graph autocovariance matrix

- Let us define the sample graph autocovariance matrix at lag  $k$  with respect to adjacency matrix  $\mathbf{W}$  as

$$\mathbf{S}_k(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W}) = \frac{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}^k\mathbf{X}^\top}{N}$$

- It satisfies

$$\mathbf{S}_k(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W}) = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}_k(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W})\mathbf{U}^\top$$

# GraDe (graph decorrelation), Blöchl et al. (2010)

1. Whiten the data  $\mathbf{X} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{X}}$ .
2. Choose symmetric  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $K \geq 1$ .
3. Find orthogonal  $\hat{\mathbf{U}}$  that maximizes

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \|\text{diag}(\mathbf{U}\hat{\mathbf{S}}_k(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{W})\mathbf{U}^T)\|^2.$$

4. The GraDe unmixing matrix estimate is  $\hat{\mathbf{\Gamma}}_K(\mathbf{W}) = \hat{\mathbf{U}}\mathbf{s}_0^{-1/2}$ .

We modify GraDe in two ways:

1. Allow multiple adjacency matrices  $\mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_M$ .
2. Standardize the graph autocovariance matrices so that the scales of  $\mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_M$  do not have any effect:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{S}}_k(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{W}_m) = \frac{\mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}_m^k\mathbf{X}^\top}{\|\mathbf{W}_m^k\mathbf{X}^\top\|}$$

## 4. Graph JADE

# Graph JADE

- Objective function of Graph JADE to be maximized is

$$f_{\text{GraphJADE}} = b \sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{k=1}^K \|\text{diag}(\mathbf{U}\tilde{\mathbf{S}}(\tilde{\mathbf{X}}, \mathbf{W}_m^k)\mathbf{U}^\top)\|^2 \\ + (1 - b) \sum_{k=1}^P \sum_{l=1}^P \|\text{diag}(\mathbf{U}\hat{\mathbf{C}}^{k,l}\mathbf{U}^\top)\|^2$$

where  $b \in [0, 1]$  is a weight parameter and

$$\hat{\mathbf{C}}^{k,l} = \sum_{i=1}^N [\tilde{\mathbf{X}}]_{k,i} [\tilde{\mathbf{X}}]_{l,i} [\tilde{\mathbf{X}}]_{\cdot,i} [\tilde{\mathbf{X}}]_{\cdot,i}^\top - \mathbf{E}_{P \times P}^{k,l} - \mathbf{E}_{P \times P}^{l,k} - \text{tr}\{\mathbf{E}_{P \times P}^{k,l}\}.$$

- JADE (Joint Approximate Diagonalization of Eidenmatrices) (Cardoso and Soloumiac, 1993) is based on joint diagonalization of fourth-order cumulant matrices. Therefore, implementation of Graph JADE is simple.

# Identifiability conditions for Graph JADE

- Let  $\mathcal{W}$  denote the set of adjacency matrices in Graph JADE. Then the identifiability conditions can be stated as follows.
- For any pair of ICs  $z_i$  and  $z_j$ 
  - (i) there is a matrix  $\mathbf{W} \in \mathcal{W}$  such that
$$\mathbb{E}\{\text{diag}(\tilde{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}))_i\} \neq \mathbb{E}\{\text{diag}(\tilde{\mathbf{S}}(\mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{W}))_j\}$$
  - or
  - (ii)  $\mathbb{E}\{N^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^N z_{in}^4\} \neq 3$  or  $\mathbb{E}\{N^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^N z_{jn}^4\} \neq 3$
- Notice that (i) alone gives the identifiability conditions for GraDe and (ii) alone for JADE.

# 5. Simulations

# Performance measure in simulation studies

- Minimum distance (MD) index (Ilmonen et al., 2010b)

$$D(\hat{\Gamma}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{p-1}} \inf_{\mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{C}} \|\mathbf{C}\hat{\Gamma}\Omega - \mathbf{I}_p\|$$

where

$\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{C} : \text{each row and column of } \mathbf{C} \text{ has exactly one non-zero element}\}$ .

- $0 \leq D(\hat{\Gamma}) \leq 1$ , smaller value is better.
- $N(P-1)D(\hat{\Gamma})^2$  will be used as the final measure.

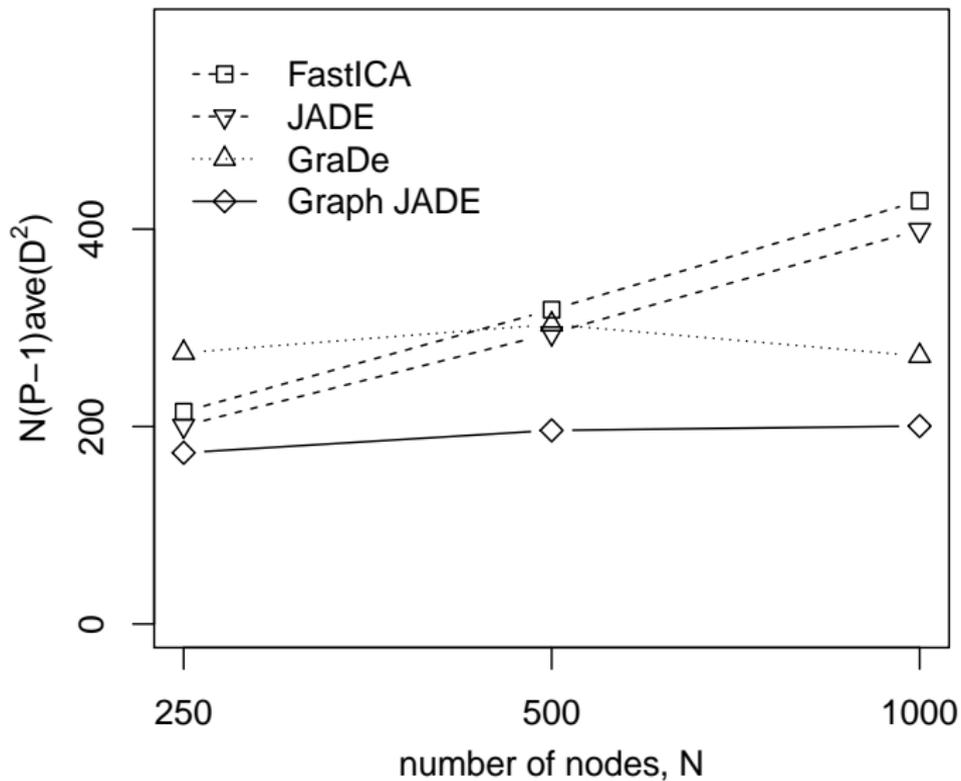
# Simulations

- Four estimators are compared in four models:
  - GraDe (modified),  $K = 2$
  - JADE
  - Symmetric FastICA (Hyvärinen, 1999), *tanh nonlinearity function*
  - *Graph JADE*,  $K = 2$ ,  $b = 0.8$
- The figures will show averages of 1000 runs.

# Model 1

- Four independent components are GMA(1) signals with joint  $\mathbf{A}$  from Erdős–Rényi model  $G(N, 0.05)$ , and
  - IC1  $\theta = 0.02$ ,  $y$  follows  $t_5$ -distribution
  - IC2  $\theta = 0.04$ ,  $y$  follows  $t_{10}$ -distribution
  - IC3  $\theta = 0.06$ ,  $y$  follows  $t_{15}$ -distribution
  - IC4  $\theta = 0.08$ ,  $y$  follows Gaussian distribution
- In this model, sources can be separated using non-Gaussianity or graph decorrelation.

## Model 1



## Model 2

- Four independent components are GMA(1) signals with joint  $\mathbf{A}$  from Erdős–Rényi model  $G(N, 0.05)$ ,

IC1  $\theta = 0.05$ ,  $y$  follows  $t_5$ -distribution

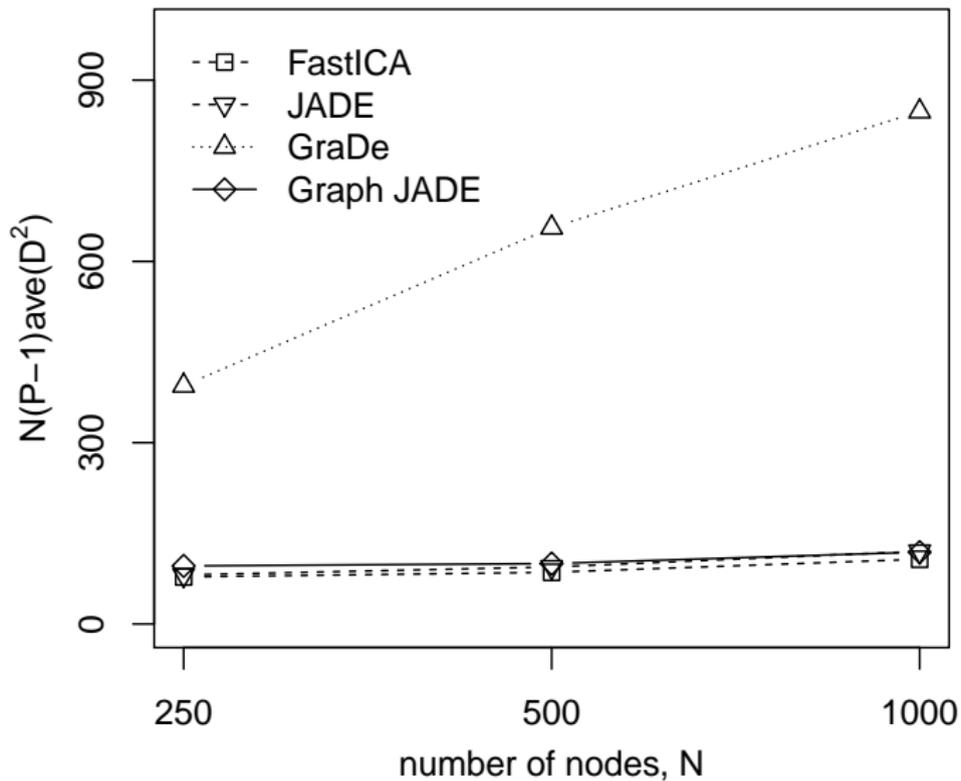
IC2  $\theta = 0.06$ ,  $y$  follows uniform distribution

IC3  $\theta = 0.07$ ,  $y$  follows exponential distribution with  $\lambda = 1$

IC4  $\theta = 0.08$ ,  $y$  follows Gaussian distribution

- This model is challenging for GraDe.

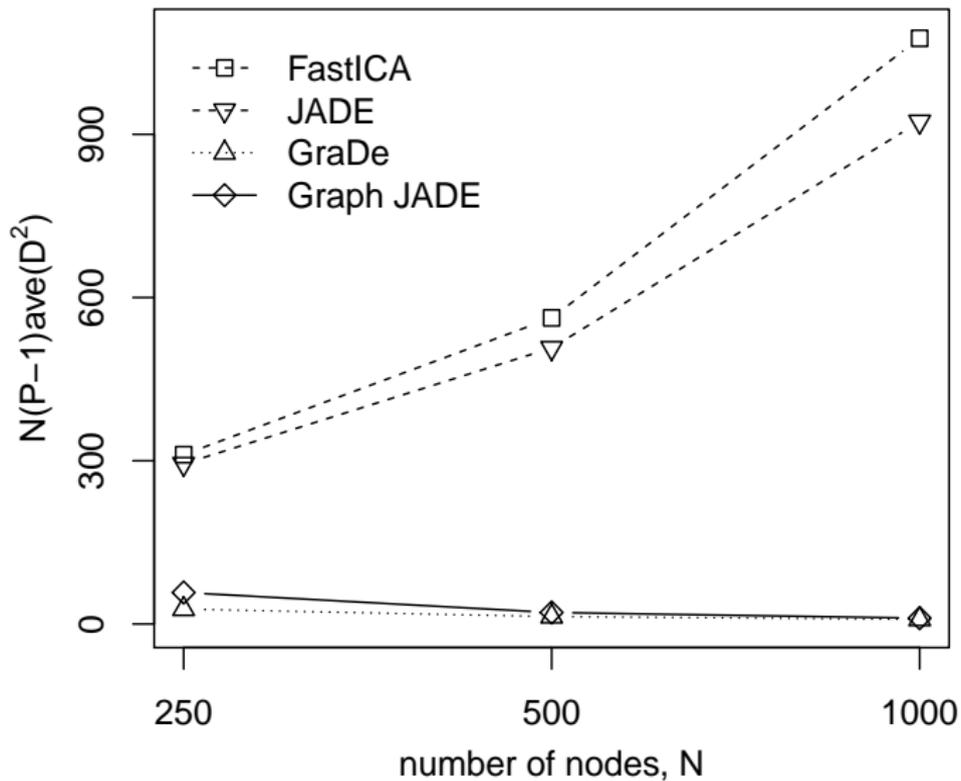
## Model 2



## Model 3

- Four independent components are GMA(1) signals with different adjacency matrices. For all components  $\theta = 0.05$  and distribution of  $y$  is  $t_{15}$ .
- This model is challenging for FastICA and JADE.

### Model 3



## Model 4

- Four independent components are GMA(1) signals with joint  $\mathbf{A}$  from Erdős–Rényi model  $G(N, 0.05)$ , and

IC1  $\theta = 0.05$ ,  $y$  follows  $t_5$ -distribution

IC2  $\theta = 0.05$ ,  $y$  follows Gaussian distribution

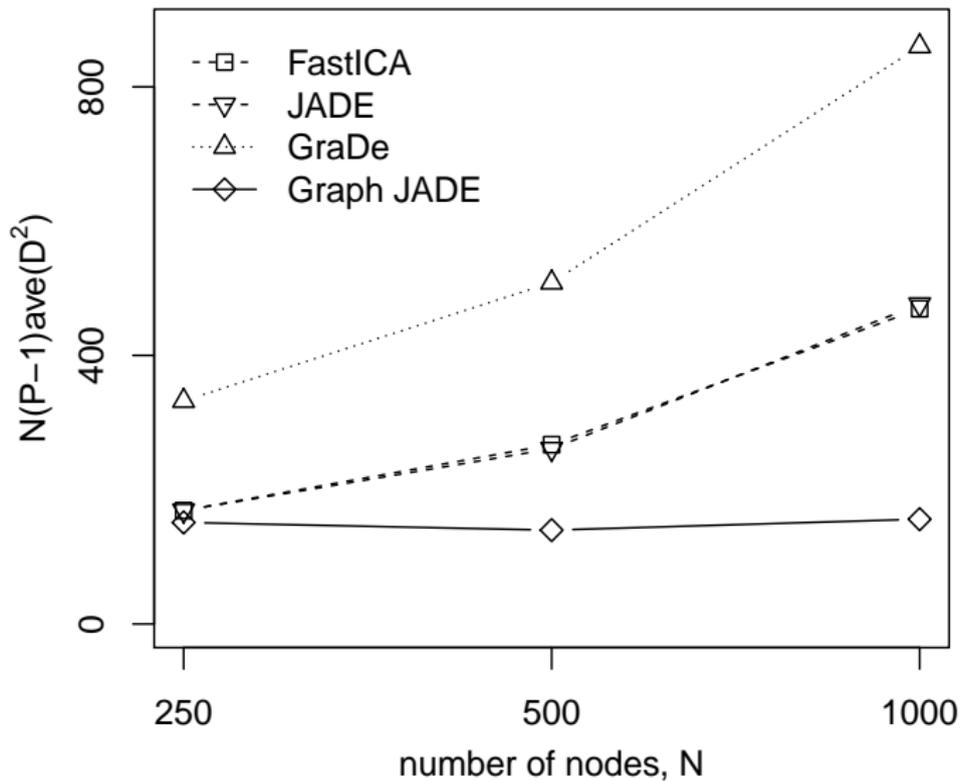
IC3  $\theta = 0.1$ ,  $y$  follows uniform distribution

IC4  $\theta = 0.1$ ,  $y$  follows Gaussian distribution

$\theta = 0.05, 0.05, 0.1, 0.1$  and distributions of  $y$ s are  $t_5$ , Gaussian, uniform, and Gaussian, respectively.

- In this model, there are two components (IC2 and IC4) which can not be separated using FastICA or JADE, and two pairs of components (IC1 and IC2, IC3 and IC4) which can not be separated using GraDe.

## Model 4



# Conclusions

- We have proposed a BSS method called Graph JADE for graph signals, which use both possible non-Gaussianity and graph dependencies within the latent components.
- The proposed method outperforms JADE, FastICA, and GraDe when the sources are non-Gaussian graph signals, and meets the performance of the best method with minor losses when the sources exhibit only non-Gaussianity or graph dependence.

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